

FOOD BLOCKADE ON GERMANY ESTABLISHED BY BRITAIN AND FRANCE;
MEXICAN GUNBOAT BLOWN UP AND 30 DIE; TAKE AURORA SUSPECTENEMY FLAGS
FLOAT ABOVE
TURKS' FORTSColors of Great Britain and
France Are Unfurled
in Dardanelles

NEARING THE CAPITAL

Seat of Ottoman Government to
Be Removed to Broussa,
in Asiatic.

London, March 1.—Flags of Great Britain and France are now flying at the entrance of the Dardanelles over Turkish forts reduced by the seapower of the allies. While it would appear a fact that the allied fleet had reached Chanak, 15 miles from the Mediterranean entrance to the straits, the British press warns the public not to expect the immediate fall of Constantinople.

Broussa, in Asiatic Turkey, has been selected by the Turks as the new capital, in case it becomes necessary to evacuate Constantinople.

Berlin, March 1.—Official: "Near Wervelp, an English flying machine was forced to descend by our fire. At a certain point on our front the French made use, as they had done on previous occasions, of a particular kind of shell which on exploding, threw off a poisonous gas, but did no damage. Our position in the Champagne country was repeatedly attacked yesterday by at least two army corps. These were repulsed after fierce fighting at close quarters. Five attempts by the French yesterday to break through our line between the eastern border of Argonne and Vauquois broke down, the enemy suffering heavy losses.

"In the east we repulsed Russian attacks north of Consha and northwest of Ostroslaka."

Paris, March 1.—Official: "In Champagne the different supporting positions we successively secured, now form a continuous chain of two kilometers length to the north and northwest of Perthes. In Vosges our attacks made slight progress at Chapelle."

Kitchener Coup.

London, March 1.—The famous heax in the first weeks of the war when it was reported 200,000 Russians circled around from Archangel, landed at Scottish ports and were shipped to France, originated with Lord Kitchener himself, according to a British officer. The story accomplished its purpose, the officer said, and accounts to some extent for the retreat of General Von Kluck from Paris. To give color to the report Kitchener is said to have caused 100 transports laden with sundry goods to be sent from Scottish ports to Archangel after insuring them in Holland.

Wheat Prices Break.

Chicago, Ill., March 1.—There was a sensational break in wheat prices as the result of news that 15 miles of the Dardanelles had already been forced and that release of vast stores of Russian grain was only a question of a short time, possibly not more than a fortnight. Opening quotations as a whole varied from 1 1/2 to 5 5/8 under Saturday's close, with the market steady afterward to about 3 1/4 lower than Saturday.

Gilman, Ill.—The residence of John McCann was riddled with bullets and bricks were hurled through windows. Bloodhounds were unable to track the marauders. McCann is president of the law and order league of Gilman and has been active in prosecuting violators of the local option law.

FIVE WOMEN DEAD
IN SEA TRAGEDYENEMIES OF CARRANZA PLACE
BOMB ON MEXICAN BOAT
PROGRESO.

Galveston, Texas, March 1.—An explosion which occurred yesterday on the Mexican gunboat Progreso at Progreso resulted in the death of 30 persons, including five women, according to advices to the Mexican consulate here. It is said what purported to be a barrel of rice sent on board was in reality a bomb prepared by persons opposed to the Carranza regime.

AMERICAN LINER
HAS SAFE VOYAGENEW YORK, WITH 221 PASSENGERS, THROUGH WAR ZONE
ALL LIT UP.

New York, March 1.—The American liner New York slipped out of Liverpool through the submarine war zone for this port, which she reached today. Two hundred and twenty-one passengers were aboard.

Flying the American flag, the New York left the dock at Liverpool at midnight Feb. 20, her lights all lit. Searchlights were played on American flags, which flew from almost every mast.

Thirty-one of the New York's passengers, mostly women buyers for American firms, came from Paris to Liverpool to catch the boat. Charles Rogers of this city, another passenger, sailed from this port for Liverpool on the steamship Transylvania, which left New York Jan. 23. Rogers said American passengers on the Transylvania were held up five days at Queens-town. The Transylvania carried a heavy cargo of guns, ammunition and aeroplanes.

"For three days all passengers were held aboard the Transylvania," Roger said. "Then British passengers were landed. American passengers were held two days longer. I sent a telegram to Ambassador Page in London, protesting against our detention. Apparently the telegram was heeded, for we were landed and transported to London."

J. Herbert Duckworth, an American aviator, was a passenger. He said his application to join the British aviation corps was rejected because he was too heavy.

SHOWS GERMANY
RULER OF WORLDLLOYD-GEORGE SAYS AMERICA
CANNOT PROTECT ITS OWN
INTERESTS.

London, March 1.—Chancellor Lloyd-George spoke at Bangor, Wales, yesterday.

"If Germany is triumphant over this country," he said, "she would be dictator of the world. And where," he asked, "could we then look to a chivalrous country to protect us—to America?"

"If countries like France and Russia, with huge armies and we, with the most powerful navy in the world, could not face this terrible machine, how could America step in? It would be more than America could do to defend her interests in her own continent. America is more unready than we were."

The chancellor said the people hardly realized the importance of the struggle and warned them that victory could not be won without a long struggle. He declared that while England had enrolled the largest volunteer army ever gathered in any country or in any century, it ought to be larger still.

Lloyd-George referred to the peremptory order of the government for the resumption of work on Monday by the shipyard engineers at the Clyde shipyards at Glasgow, who went on strike for increased wages. Committees representing the strikers have advised the men to return to work to avoid the enforcement of martial law. "The war," he said, "is to be won or lost by the engineers. We need men, but we need arms more than men, and every day of delay is full of peril to the country. For one reason or another we do not get the assistance we have a right to expect from our workshops. Industrial differences are inevitable, but we cannot afford them now."

"It is intolerable that the lives of Britons should be imperiled for the sake of a farthing an hour. During war governments should have the power of settling differences so that work shall go on. If men are entitled to more money the government should give it. I do not believe the parties involved will refuse to comply with the urgent command of the government that there should be no delay."

Lloyd-George intimated the government is prepared to take even more drastic action than yet proposed for the curbing of the liquor traffic.

"The government has wide powers to deal with the drink question and it means to use them," he said. He said a small minority of the workmen employed in the armament factories had refused to work a full week because of the lure of drink.

The government would use its powers discreetly and in a spirit of moderation. Mr. Lloyd-George asserted, but "fearlessly." He was sure the public would support whatever action was taken and allow no indulgence of this kind to interfere with the country's prospects in the war.

WIFE OF MAN
IN PASSPORT
PLOT JAILEDMrs. Stegler Alleges Having
Been Led Into Trap
by a Woman.

IS ARRESTED IN HOTEL

Had Gone There With Stranger
After an Automobile Ride
in New York.

New York, March 1.—A young woman, who, according to the police, gave her name as Mrs. Annette Stegler and described as the wife of Richard Stegler, a prisoner in the Toms in connection with alleged passport frauds, was arrested at the Hotel Grenoble early today on a charge of felonious assault made by Arthur Matelket, said to be a reporter for a newspaper.

The pair came to the hotel at 9 Sunday night. They arrived in an automobile and were accompanied by another young man and woman. The men carried suit cases which they guarded carefully, even refusing to allow bell boys to carry them to the rooms assigned the two couples. At 1 this morning a call for the police came from the room to which Matelket was assigned and when Detective Burgess arrived he was asked to arrest his companion. He charged the woman had thrown a seltzer bottle at him. He dodged and the woman then beat him on the head with a can. According to the police he showed no signs of an encounter.

Burgess says the woman was fully clothed when he entered the room. According to the police she considered she had been trapped. She said a woman friend, Anna Hoffman, had telephoned her and made an appointment, as she had something important to communicate. When she met her woman friend, accompanied by two well dressed young men, they invited her into an automobile and they went to the hotel for dinner. It was later, when Matelket, it is said, began questioning her regarding the passport fraud, that the row occurred. The woman requested that Charles Griffiths, counsel for Stegler, be sent for.

Mrs. Stegler was discharged later in police court. Had certain evidence been more definite, the magistrate said he would have been inclined to send her accuser to the workhouse.

The police are inclined to believe the suit cases sheltered telephonic devices for recording conversations. The men carried the grips with them when they left the police station.

Husband Is Indicted.

Almost at the moment of Mrs. Stegler's discharge in police court the federal jury returned an indictment charging her husband with conspiracy against the United States by obtaining passports falsely. Stegler is a German naval reservist. Two others were indicted with him, Robert Madden and Gustave Cook.

Mrs. Stegler spent the night in a cell. In court she said the entire party remained together the entire period they were at the hotel, and that the two men tried to disrobe her. At no time, she testified, were she and Matelket alone. She characterized the charge as a "frameup."

PRESIDENT SIGNS BILL
FOR MILLIONS PENSIONS

Washington, D. C., March 1.—The president today signed the pension appropriation bill carrying \$164,000,000. It was the first of the large appropriation bills to reach the president.

GOVERNOR DUNNE
HAS 2 MESSAGESFOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE AP-
PROPRIATION AND LOBBY-
ING ARE SUBJECTS.

Springfield, Ill., March 1.—There was much speculation among legislators who arrived for tomorrow's session as to the nature of two special messages Governor Dunne announces he will send to the legislature tomorrow. It is reported one message will deal with a proposed appropriation for stock raisers who suffered financial loss because of the foot and mouth disease and that the other will concern lobbying.

CHALLENGED

KANSAS CAN HAVE
KIRMEYER'S BEERSUPREME COURT DISMISSES IN-
JUNCTION ISSUED BY STATE
TRIBUNAL.

Washington, March 1.—The supreme court today held that H. Kirmeyer was entitled under previous decisions of the court to protection for his trade as interstate commerce and dismissed an injunction issued by the Kansas supreme court. Kirmeyer, ousted from Leavenworth, Kan., moved across the river to Missouri, and continued to ship beer into Kansas. The Kansas supreme court held his removal was a device to evade the Kansas liquor law.

Jackson, Miss., March 1.—The supreme court today upheld the law prohibiting keeping intoxicants in social clubs. In the decision the court is quoted as follows: "If you want to keep a dead man, put him in whisky; if you want to kill a live man, put whisky in him."

WILSON PROBABLY WILL
NOT GO WEST AS PLANNED

Washington, D. C., March 1.—The president today told callers the European situation was demanding so much of his attention it was doubtful if he would be able to leave Washington this spring, even, possibly to visit the San Francisco exposition. "I am tied here by the legs," he told callers.

THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for
Rock Island, Davenport, Moline
and Vicinity.

Increasing cloudiness tonight and Tuesday, rising temperature with the lowest tonight slightly below freezing. Temperature at 7 a. m., 24. Highest yesterday, 38; lowest last night, 24. Velocity of wind at 7 a. m., 3 miles per hour.

Precipitation, none.
Relative humidity at 7 p. m., 51; at 7 a. m., 78.
Stage of water, 7.5, a fall of .7 in last 48 hours.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Evening stars: Mars, Saturn. Morning stars: Jupiter, Venus, Mercury. March constellations visible about 9 p. m., as follows: Overhead, Auriga, Gemini, Ursa Major (Great Dipper), north. Cepheus, Ursa Minor (Little Dipper), Cygnus (partly), northwest. Cassiopeia (W), Andromeda; west. Taurus (with Pleiades due west), Perseus, Aries, Cetus (low); southwest. Orion (with Belt, Eridanus (setting); south. Canis Minor, Canis Major (low); southeast. Leo (with Sickle), Virgo (rising); east. Bootes (low); northeast. Draco, Hercules. Evening stars of the month: Mars, Saturn. Morning stars: Mercury, Venus, Jupiter.

The War Today

The Roumanian minister of the interior is credited with the statement that a representative of his country has made a formal agreement with Great Britain, France and Russia for entering the war with them. Bucharest advices say 10 classes of Roumanian reserves have been called out for March 13. It has been expected that should Roumania enter the war she would do so in the hope of enlarging her territory at the expense of Austria, with the particular object of obtaining Transylvania, which is populated largely by Roumanians.

The great Anglo-French fleet is still smashing at the Dardanelles fortifications. Although Constantinople admits some forts have felt the effects of the bombardment, it has not confirmed statements of the British admiralty concerning the reduction of the outer defenses. A large force of Turkish troops is said to have been assembled on the isthmus to oppose any attempts of landing parties to advance on Constantinople.

A semi-official statement from Petrograd says Germans in northern Poland near the east Prussian border are being pushed back steadily. Fighting is severe and possession of villages is passing back and forth from one side to the other. In eastern Galicia Austrians are reported to have suffered reverses. These claims, however, are not borne out by Berlin or Vienna. A Bucharest dispatch says the Ninety-first Czech regiment in the garrison at Prague mutinied and killed its higher officers. After reprisals on the rank and file this regiment was sent to the Roumania frontier.

TALK OF VON BERNSTORFF
REMOVAL IS CALLED BUNK

New York, March 1.—Dr. Bernhard Dernburg, former German colonial minister today characterized as "bunk" a report that German Ambassador Von Bernstorff would be recalled and that Baron Trevelyan, said to be with Emperor William at the battle front, would be sent to Washington in Bernstorff's place.

"The report is an attempt of English agents to discredit prominent Germans in America," Dernburg said.

ANOTHER ARREST
IN AURORA DEATHCHICAGO POLICE TAKE HENRY
MILLER, BUT HE PROTESTS
INNOCENCE.

Chicago, Ill., March 1.—The police early today arrested a man giving the name of Henry Miller as a suspect in the Aurora murder mystery. According to the police Miller had dragged a woman into an alley and attempted to beat her with a piece of pipe. This is denied by the prisoner, who says he is innocent of any crime, and never had been in Aurora.

ENGINEER KILLED
IN A YARD WRECKHARRY TITZHEL LOSES LIFE
WHEN MACHINE RUNS AWAY
AT CEDAR RAPIDS.

Cedar Rapids, Iowa, March 1.—Harry Titzhel, engineer on a Rock Island switching engine, was killed and eight railroad employees injured when the engine ran wild and crashed into a fast mail train of the Chicago & Northwestern railroad. The switch engine was wrecked. Most of the injured were on the Northwestern train. The injured: William E. Jones, Clinton, Iowa, conductor; J. R. Richardson, Clinton, Iowa, fireman; and R. L. Godfrey, Oak Park, Ill., mail clerk, seriously; G. E. McCartney, Chicago, mail clerk; E. B. Hunt, Fulton, Ill., mail clerk; A. D. Ditz, Chicago, mail clerk; Charles McMillan, Cedar Rapids, switchman; and Albert Thursen, brakeman.

PASTOR, JUDGE, SHERIFF
HALT LYNCHING OF NEGRO

Waxahachie, Texas, March 1.—A minister, a district judge and the county sheriff and the county attorney pleaded with a mob about to lynch a negro just before daylight here Sunday, and as a result obtained the release of the negro from the crowd, after a rope had been placed about his neck.

Joseph Lockett, the negro, was arrested in connection with the killing of John Jones, whose body was found in a garage in which he was employed. Shortly afterward Lockett was taken from the officers by a mob.

Lockett, after being released by the mob, was placed in jail. Jones was killed by being struck with a piece of gas pipe.

DIES SUDDENLY IN PULPIT

Dentist Succumbs While Taking Part
in Church Service.

Lafayette, Ind., March 1.—The congregation of the West Lafayette Baptist church, composed largely of Purdue university professors and students, was dismissed last night after Dr. O. M. Nisley, a dentist, dropped dead in the pulpit while taking part in the service. Dr. Nisley was speaking, when suddenly he staggered and fell lifeless. Neuralgia of the heart was the cause of death. Dr. Nisley was 58 years old.

Peoria, Ill.—Mrs. Emily F. Kempshall, widow of R. W. Kempshall, late president of the Central National bank, receives the major portion of the estate of \$250,000. The will of the testator leaves \$3,000 each to three sisters, Mrs. Amelia K. Wing of Brooklyn and Misses Julia and Jane Kempshall, both of Peoria; \$5,000 to Ralph Wing, a nephew, of Brooklyn; \$5,000 to Miss Estella Knapp, a cousin, of Oswego, N. Y., and \$13,000 to various churches and hospitals of Peoria.

ALL SHIPPING
FOR GERMANY
ALLIES' MARKFrance and Great Britain
Serve Notice on the
United States

BRYAN RECIEVES NOTE

Steamers Going to or Coming
From Kaiser's Empire Are
to Be Stopped.

LONDON, MARCH 1.—ESTABLISHMENT OF A VIRTUAL BLOCKADE OF HOSTILE COUNTRIES WITHOUT, HOWEVER, INVOLVING RISKS TO NEUTRAL VESSELS OR CREWS, IS GREAT BRITAIN'S REPLY TO GERMANY'S SUBMARINE POLICY. THE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE BY PREMIER ASQUITH IN A MOMENTOUS SPEECH IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

LONDON, MARCH 1.—SPEAKING IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS TODAY, PREMIER ASQUITH DECLARED THAT AT NO TIME HAD THE GOVERNMENT BEEN MORE CONFIDENT THAN TODAY THAT THE ALLIES ULTIMATELY WOULD ACHIEVE VICTORY. THE PREMIER DECLARED THE ALLIES WOULD HOLD THEMSELVES FREE TO CAPTURE GOODS WHENEVER THERE WAS A PRESUMPTION THAT SUCH GOODS WERE DESTINED FOR USE OF THEIR ENEMIES OR HAD BEEN SENT FROM HOSTILE COUNTRIES.

Proposed measures of reprisal against Germany, said Asquith, would be enforced with strict observance of the dictates of humanity, but the allies did not propose "to allow their efforts to be strangled in the network of judicial niceties." There was no intention, he explained, to confiscate detained ships or cargoes unless they were liable to confiscation under the ordinary conditions of war.

Washington, D. C., March 1.—France and Great Britain today served notice on the United States that they would hold themselves at liberty to stop all shipping hereafter to and from Germany. The communication outlining measures of reprisal on the part of the allies for the submarine warfare on merchant ships by Germany was delivered to Secretary Bryan by the French and British ambassadors. Bryan promptly advised the president of the new move.

SWINDLE OF MILLION IS
CHARGED AT PORTLAND

Portland, Ore., March 1.—A million dollar swindle is charged against officers and salesmen of the defunct United States Cashier company of this city in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury Saturday. The indictment charges conspiracy and misuse of the mails on the part of Frank Menefee, F. M. Lemmon, O. E. Gernert, R. F. Bonnewell, H. M. Todd, Joseph Hunter, O. L. Hopson, P. E. Muraine, Oscar Campbell, and Thomas Bilyeu. It is alleged that the concern, which was incorporated at \$1,250,000, sold all its capital stock, bringing into its treasury more than \$1,000,000 in money and property, on the false representation that it owned the patents to five change-making devices, which it purposed to manufacture.

The Colorado women's eight-hour law is very sweeping in its application, including bookkeepers, stenographers and cashiers who are employed in mercantile, merchandise and manufacturing establishments.

CHINESE IN WEST
BOYCOTTING JAPSRETALIATING FOR DEMANDS
THAT HAVE BEEN MADE
BY MIKADO.

San Francisco, Cal., March 1.—A Japanese boycott, instituted by the direction of six Chinese companies, because of Japan's demands upon China, was being observed on the Pacific coast today with the exception of Los Angeles, Seattle and a few other places. John McNab, attorney for the six companies, said it was planned to extend the boycott throughout the west.